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Dear Harold,

Thanks for writing. I'm glad you're getting better. Take it easy so you're fully recovered before you resume your hectic schedule.

You were right about the Wecht thing. Even with your words of warning I was not prepared for that horseshit ending to the affair. I became involved despite your warnings because I felt the better

heads among us should be represented. Since Wecht was going ahead I felt someone should try to direct the inquiry into more responsible channels. As you know my time was limited to the point that I just couldn't keep up the debate, so my last effort was spent trying to help Wecht. Cyril promised he would do a detailed scientific article for the critics which I suggested could be a research publication of the Dusquesne Inst. for Forensic Pathology. Then he could

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consider regular journals. I was told Bob Smith wrote the crap that finally came out. Cyril's findings, many of which I have on tape (which Jerry has), were not really dealt with adequately. Cyril not only never sent me a rough or final draft but didn't even send me the published article. So, it was a disappointing outcome given my hard work and my having approached it giving Wecht Smith et.al. the benefit of the doubt. At that point, with incredible demands on my time, you hopping mad

(for good reason) I decided to drop out of things.

I've stayed in touch w Jerry Policoff & Paul Hoch, although somewhat irregularly. Paul & Sue came through here to meet with ~~Paul's~~ Sue's relatives & I've visited Jerry in N.Y.

For the past 2 yrs. I've been the Director of the Walk-In Counseling Ctr. which has been more work & hastle than I want. But, when other staff left the job fell to me — the Peter Principle in action.

Our center was chosen late in 1973 as a top program. In 1974 we were site-visited & after many hrs. of extra work

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were picked as a national model. A book is due out soon with a chapter on us. I was chosen as one of 10 key program directors which led to more honors & more time demands. So, I still haven't done my PhD dissertation although I am now licensed & have a few more titles.

After 6½ yrs. my roomates & I decided to split up. Our House of many years was sold & I moved in with one roommate. Moving was quite a hassle after 6½ yrs. of stability.

At present I'm going to give the dissertation a try. If I get going on it I will try to finish. If not, I'll give it up. Either way I am hoping for a year break & a lot of travel I've been saving for & dreaming about since I was young. I need a big break.

Well, I hope this finds you & Lil in good shape. It feels good to be back in touch after so long. I hope you're in A-1 shape soon.

Warm regards,

Gary